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## Claims

A method of sealing a gap between adjacent panel members, the method comprising providing an elongate strip of resiliently flexible material, compressing the strip transverse its longitudinal axis to fold the strip about a line which extends longitudinally thereof intermediate its opposite side edges, inserting the folded strip fully into the gap to be sealed by transposing the strip transverse its longitudinal access, and allowing the strip to partially recover its shape
such that the opposite side edges of the strip engage respective opposite side edges of the adjacent panel members.

- 2. A method as claimed in claim 1, in which a strip is chosen having a colour which closely resembles the colour of the panel members.
- 15 3. A method as claimed in claim 1, in which a transparent strip is chosen.
- 4. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, in which a strip is chosen which is V-shaped in cross section, with opposite sides of the V being brought together during insertion 20 of the strip into the gap.
  - 5. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, in which a strip is chosen which is flat with a pre-formed line of weakness extending along its length about which the strip can be folded.
- 25 6. A panel assembly comprising two side-by-side panel members having a gap therebetween and a sealing strip filling the gap, wherein the strip comprises an elongate piece of resiliently flexible plastics material folded about a line which extends longitudinally thereof intermediate its opposite 30 side edges and which has its opposite longitudinal side edges biased against the side edges of the respective adjacent panel

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members.

- 7. A panel assembly as claimed in claim 6, in which the strip has a colour which closely resembles the colour of the panel members.
- 5 8. A panel assembly as claimed in claim 6, in which the strip is transparent.
  - 9. A panel assembly as claimed in any of claims 6 to 8, in which the strip is V-shaped in cross section in its as-moulded condition.
- 10 10. A panel assembly as claimed in any of claims 6 to 8, in which the strip is flat with a pre-formed line of weakness extending along its length about which the strip can be folded.